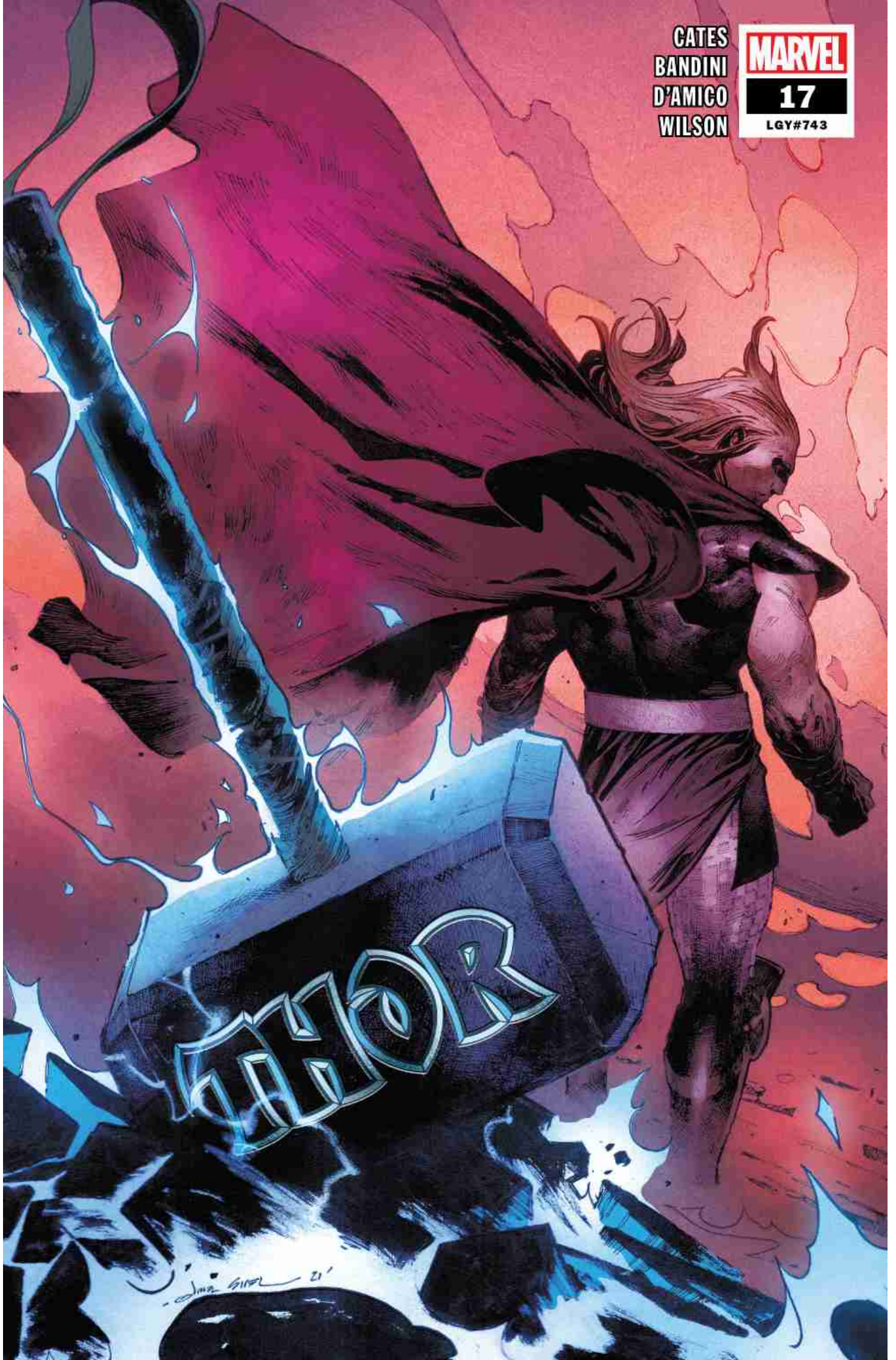


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THOR

THOR IS THE GOD OF THUNDER AND ALL-FATHER OF ASGARD.

OF LATE, HE HAS HAD TROUBLE WITH HIS HAMMER, MJOLNIR—SOMETIMES IT IS TOO HEAVY FOR HIM TO LIFT, AND OTHER TIMES PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO LIFT IT DESPITE THE FACT THAT NO ONE BUT THOR SHOULD BE ABLE TO.

DECIDING MJOLNIR'S "DISOBEDIENCE" MUST BE BECAUSE HE IS NOW ASGARD'S KING AND NO LONGER ITS WARRIOR, THOR LEAVES THE UNRULY HAMMER IN THE ONLY PLACE HE THINKS SAFE, WITHIN AVENGERS MOUNTAIN, SO THAT HE CAN FOCUS ON BEING A BETTER KING.

BUT NOW THOR AND ODIN HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO VANAHEIM BY FREYJA AND THOR'S ESTRANGED SISTER, ANGELA. IT IS TIME FOR...

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**THE ROARING ELMS
OF VANAHEIM.**



WHAT IS
THIS? THERE
ARE MORE OF
THESE DAMNED
THINGS?

THEY ARE
CALLED KORAGANTS.
AN INVASIVE SPECIES
FROM MUSPELHEIM
BROUGHT HERE
DURING YOUR
REALM WAR.

THE SMELL
OF THEIR OWN
DYING ATTRACTS
THEIR YOUNG. THEY
ARE IN A BLOOD-
SWARM NOW.



TAKE
THIS.



I'LL
BE RIGHT
BACK.



WELL? DON'T JUST STAND THERE WITH YOUR SWORDS IN YOUR HANDS! I THOUGHT YOU ASGARDIANS KNEW A FIGHT WHEN YOU SAW ONE!



HAVE I EVER TOLD YOU THAT YOU ARE MY FAVORITE CHILD?

NO. BUT THE BAR ISN'T VERY HIGH, IS IT?



TRY TO KILL THEM CLEANLY. THE MORE BLOOD THAT IS SPILLED, THE MORE WILL COME.

THIS IS ABSURD. EVERYONE GET BEHIND ME--I WILL CALL THE LIGHTNING AND--

NAY! THE WIND IS HIGH AND TO THE SOUTH. IF YOU BURN THEM, THE STENCH WILL ATTRACT THE SLEEPING FLAME-SERPENTS FROM BENEATH THE CORE.

THE WHAT?

HONESTLY, BROTHER, HAVE YOU NEVER BEEN ON A HUNT BEFORE?



THEN WHAT EXACTLY IS THE PLAN? WE KILL THEM UNTIL THEY KILL US?

NO. WE WAIT FOR THE GOD OF THE HUNT.

THE WHO?



FATHER...

...THE GOD OF THE HUNT...

"...I THINK
IT'S MOTHER!"

HYAH!!!

RAGGH!!!

ANGELA!!!

DOWN!!!

OKAY,
TRJEGUL.

WHHHHRR!!!

LET'S
END THIS,
OLD GIRL.





SORRY ABOUT THAT. I WOULD HAVE BEEN BACK SOONER, BUT TRJEGUL HAD TO--

WHAT DID I SAY ABOUT THE KILLS NEEDING TO BE CLEAN? DID YOU REALLY THINK A GIANT MACHINE GUN CAT WAS THE BEST APPROACH TO--?

FROM WHERE I'M SITTING, THE KILLS ALL LOOK QUITE CLEAN.

YOU GOT LUCKY.

AND YOU'VE FORGOTTEN HOW TO SAY "THANK YOU." NOW, IS EVERYONE OKAY?

4SIGH4 MORE OR LESS...



NO THANKS TO THESE TWO...

BE NICE, ANGELA. AFTER ALL...



...WE'RE ALL FAMILY HERE.



now.

WHO'S HUNGRY?



I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU KEPT THAT DAMNED CAT.

AND WHAT'S THIS "GODDESS OF THE HUNT" NONSENSE ABOUT?

"GOD" OF THE HUNT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

AND, WELL, MY FORMER TITLE WAS GODDESS OF FERTILITY...

...AND MARRIAGE.



I THOUGHT PERHAPS A CHANGE WAS IN ORDER. ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANTED?

SO THIS IS ON ME, IS IT? WELL, YOU'VE CERTAINLY TAUGHT YOUR SON WELL. HAVEN'T YOU?

AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT MEANS!



YOU SIT HERE IN JUDGMENT OF ME AS IF YOU HAVEN'T CONSTANTLY POISONED OUR CHILDREN AGAINST ME. NOW IT'S SO EASY FOR YOU ALL TO BLAME ME. ISN'T IT? ALL OF YOU CAN--

THAT'S ENOUGH!



WHAT IS THIS? WHAT HAS HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU TWO?

WHY HAVE YOU CALLED US HERE, IF ONLY TO FUEL THIS DIVIDE?



AND WHY IN THE SEVEN HELLS IS MY SISTER HERE?



OH, THERE'RE MORE HELLS THAN THAT, BROTHER.

I CAN SHOW YOU IF YOU WISH.



I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU BROUGHT ME HERE, FREYJA, BUT I WILL NOT STAND AND BE JUDGED BY A FAMILY I HAVE PROTECTED FOR--

THUNK



SIT. DOWN.

FREYJA
DID NOT
SUMMON YOU
HERE.

I DID.



WE HAVE
BEEN WATCHING.
ALL THE ANGELS
OF HEVEN AND
THE VANIR OF
VANAHEIM.

WE KNOW OF
THE BLACK WINTER.
OF THE DEATH OF
GALACTUS AT
YOUR HANDS.



OF DONALD
BLAKE. OF
THE WORLD
SERPENT.

...OF
MJOLNIR.



OF THE GROWING
ENTROPY OF ODIN'S
ENCHANTMENTS.

OF THE
UNRAVELING OF
ASGARD UNDER
YOUR RULE,
BROTHER.

WE HAVE
SEEN ALL OF
THIS. AND,
WELL...



MOTHER
AND I WOULD
LIKE A
WORD.





A HOUSE DIVIDED
CANNOT STAND.
THIS...THIS KINGDOM OF
YOURS IS ON THE BRINK.
AND I, FOR ONE, HAVE
NO INTEREST IN
CLEANING IT UP.



THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME. I RULED
ASGARD FOR LONGER THAN ANY OF
YOU CAN REMEMBER, AND I NEVER
HAD TO SIT THROUGH SUCH
NONSENSE. IF THOR CAN'T
KEEP HIS AFFAIRS IN
ORDER, THEN--

MY AFFAIRS
ARE BROKEN
BECAUSE OF YOU,
OLD MAN. LEST
YOU FORGET!
YOU WOULD DO
WELL TO--

ENOUGH!



PERHAPS
YOU DID NOT
UNDERSTAND
ME.

IF YOU
CANNOT CLEAN
UP YOUR KINGDOM,
I WILL TAKE IT FROM
YOU. THIS IS YOUR
LAST WARNING.



IS THAT
A THREAT,
SISTER?

DO NOT
FORGET THE
HIERARCHY OF YOUR
THRONE...LITTLE
BROTHER.



I DON'T WANT
IT. BUT BY BLOOD AND
BY RIGHT, THE THRONE
OF ASGARD IS MINE. AND I
WILL TAKE IT IF IT PREVENTS
YOU FROM DESTROYING
EVERYTHING IN
YOUR ARROGANT
PATH.



now
THAT...

I
WOULD LIKE
TO SEE.



"I BELIEVE I HAVE
JUST THE PLACE
FOR YOU..."

"SIGH"

I SHOULD
NEVER HAVE
HAD A
DAUGHTER...





THOR...

I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL OF THIS. AFTER YOUR FATHER AND I...AFTER WE...SEPARATED, I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

WORD OF YOUR TROUBLES IN ASGARD BEGAN TO TRAVEL, AND--

AND SO YOU HID WITH ANGELA. UNTIL YOU USED HER TO BRING ME HERE SO YOU COULD SCOLD ME. IS THAT RIGHT?



SON... NO.

GODS NO. I--I SIMPLY...I WANTED TO GIVE YOU THE ROOM TO--

NO. I'M SORRY. THAT'S... THAT'S NOT THE TRUTH.

I SAW YOU. I SAW YOU REACH OUT TO YOUR FATHER WHEN YOU WERE IN TROUBLE, AND...



...AND I DIDN'T KNOW MY PLACE. I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE I FIT IN YOUR LIFE ANYMORE.

...WHAT? NO...MOTHER, WHY WOULD YOU--?



THOR...

I AM NOT A FOOL. AND YOU ARE NO LONGER A BOY.

I HAVE LONG LIVED WITH YOUR FATHER'S SECRETS. HIS SCHEMES... HIS...

...HIS INFIDELITIES.



HIS... CHILDREN...

THERE IS... SO MUCH YOU STILL DO NOT KNOW...

SECRETS THAT...I DARE NOT SPEAK...



I ADMIT...
RECENT...
REVELATIONS HAVE
GIVEN ME...PAUSE.
I DO NOT KNOW
WHAT TO DO
WITH...

THE
PHOENIX.*

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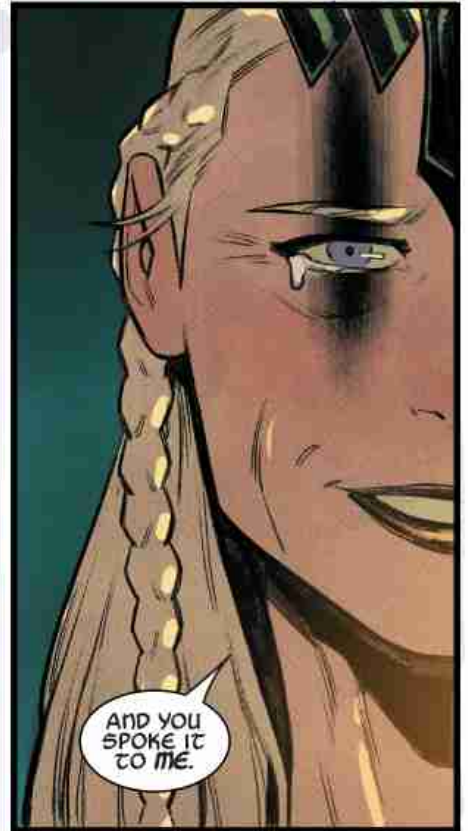


THOR.

I CHANGED
YOUR DIAPERS.
I TAUGHT YOU TO
READ. I HELD YOU WHEN
YOU WEPT AND WHEN
YOU LAUGHED. AND
FED YOU FROM MINE
OWN BODY...



"MOTHER"
WAS THE FIRST
WORD YOU EVER
SPOKE.



AND YOU
SPOKE IT
TO ME.



I MAY NOT
HAVE CARRIED
YOU. I AM NOT GAEA.
I AM NOT THE
PHOENIX.

BUT
NONE OF THAT
MATTERS.

I AM YOUR
MOTHER.

END OF
STORY.



now...

WHAT...
IS WRONG,
MY SON?





YOUR
REIGN AS
KING... IT HAS
BEEN...

AYE.
I HAVE
HEARD.



"THE BLACK
REIGN OF
THE THUNDER
KING."

I HAVE
HEARD IT
ALL...



BUT WHY?
WHY HAVE YOU
BEEN SO...CRUEL?
IT IS UNLIKE YOU,
SON.

YOU NEED
NOT BE LIKE
YOUR FATHER TO
BE KING. YOU
CAN FORGE
YOUR OWN--

IT
IS NOT
THAT.

THEN
WHAT?



BECAUSE...
I HAVE NO HEIR.
AND I NEVER
WILL...

...I DO THE
THINGS THAT
I HAVE...THAT I
WILL DO, TO ENSURE
THE SAFETY OF
ASGARD FOR ALL
OF TIME.

BECAUSE
I...



...BECAUSE
I WILL BE ITS
LAST AND
FINAL KING.



THOR,
THAT...

HAHA. OF
COURSE YOU
CAN HAVE AN
HEIR! AS MANY
AS YOU
LIKE!

no.



I WILL NOT
RAISE A CHILD
TO INHERIT
THIS CURSED
THRONE.

not...

NOT AFTER
WHAT I HAVE
SEEN.



NOT AFTER
THANOS...



son.

I--I DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
PLEASE...TRUST
AN OLD
GOD...

THINGS ARE
NOT AS DIRE AS
THEY SEEM. THEY
NEVER ARE...

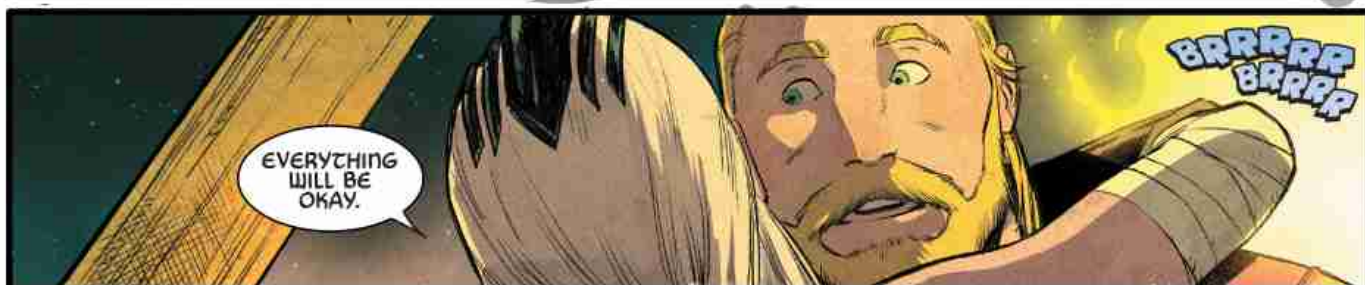


HOW MANY
TIMES HAS
THE WORLD
ENDED?

AND HOW
MANY TIMES
HAVE WE PUT
IT BACK
TOGETHER?



WHATEVER
IT IS--WE'LL
FACE IT
TOGETHER.



EVERYTHING
WILL BE
OKAY.

BRRRR
BRRRR





**NEXT: TO FIND MJOLNIR,
THOR TURNS TO HIS NEW
MASTER OF SPIES...CHROG!**

QUOTH THE RAVENS: THE HUGINN & MUNINN SHOW

WRITE TO US AT MHEROES@MARVEL.COM
AND MARK YOUR MISSIVES "OKAY TO PRINT."



Hello, mortals! We are back again to answer all your prayers to the All-Father! Though I feel like we just did this, no? Time seems to be flying lately... heh! Muninn, I'm starting out strong this time with my jokes.

Huginn, you are in good spirits...that is quite unusual for you. You were even here early, sorting through the mortals' missives. Wait, what do you have in your beak?!

Hmm? I just thought I would sample some of the treats sent in for Donny. We can't have food sent to our beloved writer without checking it first! How would he continue writings of THOR if he were to be allergic to something? You know how those Midgardians are with their delicate stomachs! Why, most of them don't even drink milk from a cow anymore! If anything, I am doing him a service.

I knew it couldn't just be for the sake of hard work! I'm moving on to the first prayer before I completely lose it with you this day!

Dear birds,

I am absolutely loving this THOR run by Cates and the team! It's quite literally one of the best comic series I am currently reading. While I dug Donny's GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY run and the KING IN BLACK series, I never was super into the god of thunder before, but Cates and company turned that around!

This run has brought some amazing story arcs to the table, especially the return of Donald Blake—who was the alter ego I was familiar with when I was a wee youngling. Making him an absolute psycho was a nice touch and makes sense considering the background of the character.

This comic series is also bringing some depth to Thor that I never really realized, especially the issue where Thor's memories are basically scattered on Earth after each battle and he has given up the hammer.

I always wanted to meet Cates at the local comic cons, but his lines are always super long, and they usually close up for capacity—deservingly so, since talent seems to always bring a vast fan base. In any event, let me know if you two birds can squawk any advice, and maybe I'll actually meet him at the next con.

Thanks!
Patrick R
NJ

Ah, yes! Sir Donny Cates is a very busy man indeed! Why, he can no longer step outside the great library of Asgard without drawing a crowd! His name is known across all the realms now as the great writer of THOR! What an honor to have!

Indeed! Just the other day while I was speaking with him, we were suddenly surrounded by adoring fans of Asgard! I lost a few feathers trying to escape the crowd! But it's wonderful to have so many new followers of the All-Father!

I did notice you looked a bit bare of feathers that day, Huginn. Our artists deserve just as much praise! Why, because of them, the All-Father has come to life in these pages! Nic Klein and this arc's guest artist, Michele Bandini, are

now likewise celebrated throughout the realms! See below the beautiful design work of Michele for Freyja's cat, Trjegul! I see Trjegul has had some upgrades since Michele last drew it! Truly, a ferocious beast!



Dear Huginn and Muninn,

Thanks for printing my previous letter (issue #15). Say, I am really quite worried about your liege, lord, king and master: Thor. Not only is he yelling at everybody and having problems controlling the hammer in this issue, but he also just leaves the hammer on the ground for ANYBODY to pick up? I now can say he is in severe need of psychological help.

Can't you birds do something about that? In days of yore, weren't the ravens, like, counselors to the king, whispering wisdom into his ears or something? Get in there and do your jobs, you ravens, or I will quote you nevermore!

Alan Bowman
Sagamihara, Japan

Mortal, thank you for writing in again! We grace you with another printing! Be grateful! For your words are sharp! Muninn, this mortal thinks so low of you!

Huginn, he said "BIRDS"—that is plural for both of us. But yes, mortal, our All-Father has many worries as of late. We attempt to pass along our wisdoms, what our eyes have seen across the realms, but it seems these pearls do not reach him. Our dear Thor is plagued by doubts that not even the mightiest birds of Asgard can quell. Hopefully, we will soon get to the bottom of this!

Hmph! If you write us again, I expect the highest of praise, Alan Bowman of Japan! For I too worry about the All-Father—that pesky hammer shall feel my wrath when it returns!

Huginn, I had no idea you felt such strong emotions! You are a softy at heart, huh? It makes me proud, how much you care!

What are you doing, Muninn? Get off me! 'Tis not time for hugs...but thank you.

Hello, Huginn and Muninn or whoever may be reading this.

I just finished THOR #15, and I must say it's absolutely amazing. The mystery of Mjólnir has got me on the edge of my seat. THOR has always been a challenge for me to get into, but THOR by Donny Cates has got to be the best Marvel book I've read! I've been privy to many amazing works in my lifetime as a longtime member of

the Merry Marvel Marching Society, but no book has gripped me like this new THOR. Thank you, Donny Cates! Thank you to all the amazing artists and editors! Absolutely cannot wait to see more.

Luke
Gulf Breeze, FL

You are indeed most welcome, Sir Luke of Gulf Breeze! 'Tis hard work, but—

He was not talking of us, Huginn! Are you a writer, an artist or an editor?! I think not! Thank you, mortal! We shall pass these wonderful words off to the team! They are indeed hard at work creating the next story of THOR!

Hmph! You can never let me have my fun!

After his impressive performance against Donald Blake and his recent MCU debut, now is the time for Throg to get his own series. You gave one to Horseface, but now the mightiest hero out there, Throg, deserves his time to shine. In Throg we trust.

Chip Firefox

You say you want more Throg? Well, mortal, you are in luck!

Aye! Before Nic Klein returns for the start of our next big arc in #19, guest artist (and THOR alumni!) Pasquale Ferry with Robert Quinn joins Donny for an epic tale starring that thunderous frog! Do not miss this one, mortals!

I am most excited! That frog deserves this honor! Till next time, mortals! I must go and give Donny the remainder of his treats.

'Tis but a handful left, you glutton!!! Anyways, remember to seal your prayers "OKAY TO PRINT," for the All-Father will not see them otherwise!

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